

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Chefalas et al.**

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Serial No.: **10/662789**

§ Group Art Unit: **2165**

Filed: **September 15, 2003**

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For: **Method and Apparatus to  
Associate Data Files with Tasks or  
Events**

§ Examiner: **Veillard, Jacques**

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§ Attorney Docket No.: **YOR920010714US1**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Monica Gamez, being of sound mind and legal age, and fully aware of the punishable nature of making untrue statements as Affiant herein, do hereby attest to personal knowledge of the following:

I am employed by the law firm of Yee & Associates, P.C. (the "Firm"), as a Paralegal, in which capacity I personally receive all client related materials requiring further action and docketing on behalf of the Firm and IBM Corporation (the "Client").

On the mailing date of the Office Action in question, May 21, 2007, I was employed full time by the Firm and have no record of receipt of said Office Action. The Firm received a telephone call from the Examiner inquiring of the status of the response to the May 21, 2007 office action. At that time, I immediately contacted the Client to inform them of this situation and to ask if they had received a copy of the Office Action instead. They notified me that they had not received the Office Action.

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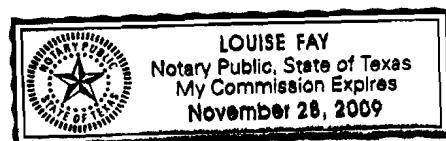
AFFIANT:

Monica Gamez  
Monica Gamez

On this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008, personally appeared before me Monica Gamez, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Louise Fay  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: Nov. 28/09

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